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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98,

Applicants hereby call to the Examiner's attention the following document:

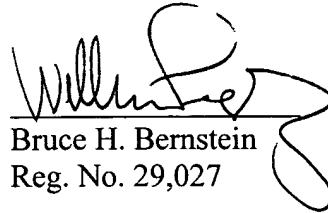
Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2002-179218, which was published on June 26, 2002, together with an English language translation of the same.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. A copy of the above-noted foreign document is attached and has been listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the Form to the Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

Applicants note that an Office Action on the merits has not issued in the present application, and thus no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully Submitted,
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